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NON-INDIAN MAN FROM TAOS ARRAIGNED ON FEDERAL INDICTMENT
ARISING OUT OF ALLEGED ASSAULT ON TWO NATIVE AMERICANS

ALBUQUERQUE – Yvon Juteau, 32, a non-Indian who resides in Taos, N.M., was arraigned today in federal court in Albuquerque, N.M., on an indictment alleging that he assaulted two Native Americans. Juteau entered a not guilty plea and was detained pending trial.

Juteau was arrested on Sept. 23, 2016, on an indictment charging him with assaulting a Native American man and woman in Indian Country in Taos County, N.M., on July 10, 2013. The indictment alleges that the assault resulted in serious bodily injury.

If convicted of the crime charged in the indictment, Juteau faces a statutory maximum penalty of ten years in federal prison. Charges in indictments are merely accusations. Criminal defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

This case was investigated by the Northern Pueblos Agency of the BIA's Office of Justice Services and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph Spindle.

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